

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 11-24 and 26 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-10 and 25 were previously cancelled.

In the Final Office Action dated September 11, 2006, claims 11, 12, 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) on the ground that they are anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,679,475 ("Rembold et al."). Claims 13-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) on the ground that they are unpatentable over Rembold et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,712,767 ("Lossner et al."). Claims 21 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) on the ground that they are unpatentable over Rembold et al. in view of Lossner et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,994,406 ("Krawczyk et al."). Claim 26 was allowed.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claim 26. To expedite prosecution, Applicants have elected to place the application in form for allowance by canceling rejected claims 11-24 without prejudice. Applicants respectfully reserve their right to pursue the cancelled claims in a subsequent application.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested at this time. If the Examiner believes there are any outstanding issues preventing allowance of the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (610) 407-0700.

Respectfully submitted,



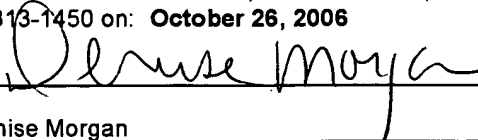
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